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SUBJECT: DATA ON KOREAN FIRMS ENGAGED IN WHALING

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1. FOLLOWING ARE DATA ON KOREAN WHALING FIRMS REQUESTED REFTEL.
INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM ROKG OFFICE OF FISHERIES
ADMINISTRATION (OFA).

2. KOREA CURRENTLY HAS 21 WHALING VESSELS OWNED BY 18
INDIVIDUALS AND ONE CORPORATE ENTITY. CORPORATE ENTITY, WHICH
HAS THREE 80 TON VESSELS, IS DONGBONG FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, PARK, KWEE BONG, PRESIDENT. EMBASSY HAS LIST OF
18 INDIVIDUAL OWNERS AND WILL CABLE THEM ON REQUEST.

3. KOREAN VESSELS TOOK 618 WHALES IN 1974 (52 FIN WHALE AND
566 MINK WHALE) WEIGHING TOTAL OF 2,813 METRIC TONS.

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4. THERE WERE NO KOREAN EXPORTS OF WHALE OR WHALE PRODUCTS TO US IN 1974. TOTAL 1974 EXPORTS OF WHALE PRODUCTS, MOSTLY WHALE MEAT AND CHIEFLY TO JAPAN, WERE VALUED AT \$1,346,000.

5. TO BEST OF OFA'S KNOWLEDGE, KOREAN WHALING VESSEL OWNERS DID NOT IMPORT ANY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES OR OTHER PRODUCTS CONNDCTED WITH WHALING FROM US IN 1974. THEY NORMALLY IMPORT ALL THEIR REQUIREMENTS FROM JAPAN.
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